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1. Prior to 9 April 1952, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 0326, an infantry officer school in Naumburg, was located at the former Kapola (state boarding school) at 15 Koesonerstrasse. It numbered about 900 men and was organized into the headquarters, the cadre company and eight training companies. Except for the 1st Co, which was composed of officer candidates whose training was to be completed in 1952, the companies were scheduled to receive 1 1/2 to 2 years training. The 2d and 3d Cos consisted of police who were drafted either in the fall of 1951 or in the spring of 1952. The 4th through 8th Cos were composed of police who had sergeants' rank and who had served for a long period of time. *
2. Tactical instructions at the school were based on the new organization of the VPDs which had been given the status of a division organized into 3 infantry regiments and 1 artillery regiment with the pertinent special weapons which had previously been assigned to the Sonderabteilungen. After being brought up to full strength, the divisions were to be completely equipped with Soviet weapons.
3. During the first quarter of training, trainees received rifle instruction as a squad. A rifle squad consists of the squad leader, the deputy squad leader, 2 two-man machine gun teams, 3 riflemen and a sharpshooter armed with an automatic rifle. The squad is armed with 2 light machine guns, 2 submachine guns, 5 carbines and 2 pistols. The squad will be trucked to the jump-off position. The ammunition is to be supplied by armored ammunition prime movers to the main line of resistance. Each company is to be organized into four platoons of three squads each. **
4. In February 1952, about 50 to 60 trainees of the VPD were detached to a secret office, allegedly for training as jet fighter pilots. The personnel were selected without being informed. They were shipped by rail to Prenzlau where they were loaded on trucks at night and shipped to an unknown place, allegedly, across the Oder-Neisse line. About 60 percent of the detached personnel were rejected as physically unfit and returned to the VPD. VP Generalinspekteur Frost (fnu), the former chief mayor of Stralsund, allegedly was the commanding officer of this air force unit which in the process of being activated. About the same number of personnel were also detached from other VPDs. ***

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